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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jonathan Johnson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-29 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-13 in the reply filed on 8-19-05 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,968,670 (Brofman). Brofman teaches forming an elongator on a first substrate (fig. 2e, item 14), wherein the elongator comprises an expander (figure 2e, item 14) and an encapsulant to encapsulate the expander (col. 6, ll. 25-35); forming the solder joint to connect the first substrate to a second substrate; and softening the encapsulant to release the expander from a compressed state to elongate the solder joint (col. 7, ll. 1-20); providing a mold having a first mold cavity and a second mold cavity, wherein the first substrate is disposed in the first mold cavity and an expander is disposed in the second mold cavity (figure 2a, items 11); compressing the expander (figure 1, item 4); and introducing the encapsulant into the mold to encapsulate the expander to

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form the elongator on the first substrate (figure 2, item 14); singulating the first substrate (figure 2a, item 16); wherein the first substrate is one of a group consisting of a series of interposers, a series of packages and a wafer (figure 2a, item 27); wherein the first substrate is one of a group consisting of a chip, an interposer, a package, a board and a series of interposers (figure 2a, item 27); wherein the elongator is formed on the first substrate by one of a group consisting of an injection molding process, a compression molding process, a transfer molding process and a casting process (figure 1, item 4); wherein the expander comprises a corrugated strip (figure 1, item 4); wherein a first end of the corrugated strip overlaps a second end of the corrugated strip (figure 1, item 4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brofman as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of US 5,632,434 (Evans). Evans teaches the interchangeability of solder and polyamide, which is a polymer, electrical insulator (col. 1, ll. 30-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to replace the solder encapsulant with a polyamide in order to ensure a strong joint (see Evans col. 1, ll. 10-45) and to modify the method of Brofman to utilize the temperature range in order to ensure the solder is completely reflowed (see Brofman col. 7, ll. 1-20).

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Conclusion

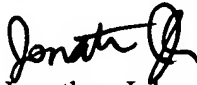
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-1177.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Dunn can be reached on 571-272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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